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SUBJECT: ECE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING
AND CODING

MISSION IS REQUESTED PASS FOLLOWING SUBMISSION PREPARED BY
DOT TO ECE SECRETARIAT (B. BEER):

DRAFT RECOMMENDATION OF CODES FOR SHIPS' NAMES U.S.A. NOTE

IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT CONDUCTED
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TED BY THE GROUP OF EXPERTS, PARTICULARLY AT THEIR FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH SESSIONS, THE MATTER HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED FURTHER WITH INTERESTED USA ORGANIZATIONS.

THERE IS SOME USAGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO CALL SIGN (IRCS) AS AN EXISTING METHOD OF CODING VESSEL NAMES FOR ADP PURPOSES; HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO BE QUITE LIMITED. NO WIDE-

SPREAD SUPPORT WAS FOUND FOR PROMOTING OR ADOPTING THE IRCS FOR REPRESENTATION OF SHIPS' NAMES, EVEN ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. THE ADVANTAGES OF AVAILABILITY OF THIS MAINTAINED SYSTEM IS OFFSET BY A VARIETY OF FACTORS SET FORTH IN E/CEPAL/2.152 PARTICULARLY THE STRUCTURING, THE LIMITED COVERAGE OF VESSELS, AND THE CHANGE OF ASSIGNED REFERENCE NUMBERS WHEN VESSELS ARE RE-REGISTERED UNDER DIFFERENT

NATIONAL FLAGS. EVEN THE USA OCEAN CARRIERS DID NOT REFLECT THE FIRM COMMITMENT, URGENCY OR INTEREST PORTRAYED BY THE ICS AT THE SIXTEENTH SESSION.

THERE WAS NO SUPPORT EVIDENCED FOR ESTABLISHING AN INTERNATIONAL CODING SYSTEM MAINTAINED AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL BASED ON THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION NUMBER ASSIGNED BY THE RESPECTIVE NATIONS.

A MAJORITY OF THOSE WHO REVIEWED THE CEPAL PROPOSED THREE-PART UNIVERSAL SHIP CODE WERE COMPLIMENTARY IN REGARD TO THE SUPPORTING LOGIC, BUT WERE NOT IN FAVOR OF ADOPTING AS IT DOES NOT EXIST IN SUCH FORM AT THE PRESENT TIME AND BELIEVED THAT IT WAS UNNECESSARILY EXTENDED. IT WAS CONSIDERED HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE THAT THE PROBLEMS OF RESTRUCTURING AND MAINTAINING WORLDWIDE IN THE DESIRED FORM COULD BE OVERCOME.

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THE CONSENSUS FAVORED MANY OF THE DESIRABLE ASPECTS SET FORTH IN THE CEPAL DOCUMENT BUT GAVE THEM DIFFERENT EMPHASIS, I.E., IT SHOULD BE AN EXISTING SYSTEM IF POSSIBLE, UNIQUE WITH A MINIMUM NUMBER OF CHARACTERS, RELIABLE IN CONTINUITY, AND UNIVERSALLY AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, THERE WAS STRONG ADVOCACY FOR PROMOTING A SYSTEM THAT WOULD KEEP THE

NUMBER OF CHARACTERS ASSIGNED TO A MINIMUM WITHOUT ATTEMPTING TO INCORPORATE ANY OTHER RELATED INFORMATION SUCH AS FLAG OF REGISTRY, TYPE AND/OR CLASSIFICATION OF THE VESSEL, MEANS OF PROPULSION, PRESENT TYPE OF SERVICE, CHARTER PARTY IF INVOLVED, ETC. THE NEEDS OF EACH USER OF A VESSEL IDENTIFICATION CODE CAN BE DISTINCT AND UNRELATED TO WHATEVER ELEMENT OF INFORMATION THE CODE HAS BEEN EXPANDED TO PROVIDE. THE RELATED INFORMATION CAN BE EASILY AND QUICKLY GENERATED INTERNALLY BY ANY USER WITH THE UNIQUE REFERENCE NUMBER. ADDITIONALLY, THE RETENTION OF ONLY ONE REFERENCE NUMBER THROUGHOUT THE LIFE-CYCLE OF THE VESSEL, AND CODING COVERAGE OF NUMEROUS VESSELS IN FOREIGN TRADE WITHOUT SHIP'S (TELECOMMUNICATION) STATIONS, WERE DEEMED ESSENTIAL.

A SYSTEM WHICH COMES CLOSER TO MEETING THE DESIRABLE

FEATURES THAN IRCS IS LLOYD'S REGISTER NUMBER. WHILE IT IS TRUE THAT THE ASSIGNED NUMBER DOES NOT CONVEY ANY INFORMATION OTHER THAN A UNIQUE IDENTIFICATION FOR THE VESSEL THAT DOES CONTRIBUTE TO MINIMIZING THE NUMBER OF CHARACTERS. ALSO, IT DOES NOT CHANGE WITH RE-REGISTRY, AND IS RETAINED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE LIFECYCLE OF THE VESSEL. USA USERS HAVE FOUND IT TO BE EASILY ACCESSIBLE, REASONABLY WELL

KNOWN AROUND THE WORLD, AND CONTINUITY CAN BE DEPENDED ON EVEN THOUGH IT IS A SINGLE COMMERCIAL CLASSIFICATION SOCIETY AMONG SEVERAL. OF COURSE, SOME ASSURANCES WOULD HAVE TO BE OBTAINED CONCERNING THIS PROPRIETARY SYSTEM BEFORE NATIONS WOULD BE WILLING TO SUPPORT WIDESPREAD ADOPTION AND DEPENDENCE, BUT NO DIFFICULTIES ON THIS UNCLASSIFIED

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SCORE ARE FORESEEN.

IF THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE MERITS OF PROCEEDING IN THIS DIRECTION, THE SECRETARIAT STAFF COULD BE REQUESTED TO DEVELOP THE NECESSARY ASSURANCES. CHRISTOPHER

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